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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6355

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PGOV, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: LPF AND DRV CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY

1. AT YESTERDAY'S SIGNATURE CEREMONY, DCM SPOKE AT LENGTH WITH LPF SENIOR NEGOTIATOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS NGUYEN GIAP.

2. PHOUMI SAID HE WAS LEAVING THE NEXT MORNING FOR SAM NEUA AND PLANNED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE IN ABOUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. HE EXPRESSED IN MOST CORDIAL TERMS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WE HAD ESTABLISHED WITH HIM AND REITERATED WHAT HE HAD SAID PUBLICLY EARLIER THIS MONTH--THAT WITHOUT AMERICAN SUPPORT, THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BROUGHT

TO FUITION. WHEN, LATER IN THE DAY, DCM SENT OVER LETTER TRANSMITTING MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (STATE 182489), WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED THIS MORNING TO  
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RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY FROM PHOUMI STATING THAT THIS

MESSAGE HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED BY HIM TO SAM NEUA.

3. DRV CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TOLD DCM THAT HE EXPECTED NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE IN NEAR FUTURE, WHERE HE WOULD ASSUME DEANSHIP OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT DRV AMBASSADOR LE VAN HIEN HAS BEEN ACCREDITED HERE SINCE 1962 AND HIS RETURN WOULD IMPLY BUMPING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR FROM DEANSHIP, A POSITION WHICH LATTER PRESENTLY HOLDS.

4. DCM THEN SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THE ERA WHICH IS ABOUT TO OPEN TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO EMBASSIES BECAUSE THE COMPLIANCE OF ALL PARTIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACCORD IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICY ON WHICH SOUVANNA PHOUMA HAS EMBARKED. CHARGE GIAP FULLY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAINTAIN SUCH CONTACTS IN THE FUTURE.

5. THE IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL HAS NOW BECOME PART OF LAO HISTORY. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO MAKE THE AGREEMENT COME TO LIFE.

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